Good morning, everyone, my name is Duvine Beebe, and this is my conservative point of view on whether government assistance should only be provided to recipients who are actively looking for work.

Government assistance should serve as a safety net, not a way of life. Providing unemployment benefits, food assistance, and welfare without requiring recipients to actively seek work creates dependency, discourages self-sufficiency, and places an unfair burden on hardworking taxpayers. Welfare should incentivize productivity, not idleness.

America was built on the principles of personal responsibility and free enterprise. When benefits are handed out unconditionally, they distort these values, creating a system where some take while others work to fund it. Studies show that work requirements increase employment and reduce long-term dependency on government aid. In states that have reinstated work mandates, welfare rolls have shrunk, and individuals have transitioned into the workforce, improving their financial independence.

Let us not forget that welfare was meant to be temporary. By ensuring that able-bodied recipients actively seek employment, we uphold the dignity of work and maintain fairness for taxpayers. Government assistance should be a bridge to employment, not a replacement for it.